GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISEASES CAUSED BY MEDICAL WASTE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the report of Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industries of India (ASSOCHAM) the medical waste thrown by National Capital Region (NCR) hospitals is giving rise to diseases like AIDS, Hepatitis B & C, Dermatitis, Gastro-entitis etc; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against such erring hospitals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) Health being a State subject, such information is not centrally maintained.

In so far as Central Government Hospitals namely Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi and Lady Harding Medical College & Smt. S.K. Hospital, New Delhi are concerned, while disposing of their waste material, strict adherence to the Bio- Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998 is maintained. No incident of posing serious threat to the health of the people by Bio-Medical waste has been reported.